

UNITED COMMUNITY BANKS INC

Form 8-K

May 05, 2005

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):
May 5, 2005

United Community Banks, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia

No. 0-21656

No. 58-180-7304

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

63 Highway 515, P.O. Box 398
Blairsville, Georgia 30512

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(706) 781-2265

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On May 5, 2005, United Community Banks, Inc. (the Registrant) issued a news release announcing the acceleration of its expansion plans into the Gainesville, Georgia market. In making this announcement, the Registrant re-affirmed its previously disclosed earnings guidance of growth in diluted operating earnings per share of 12% to 15%, although possibly at the lower end of that range.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial statements: None
 - (b) Pro forma financial information: None
 - (c) Exhibits:
 - 99.1 Press Release, dated May 5, 2005
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

May 5, 2005

/s/ Rex S. Schuette
Rex S. Schuette
Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer